

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-8, 11-28 and 30. Claims 1, 15, 21 and 23 have been amended herein. Claims 9, 10 and 29 have been cancelled herein. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating Claims 10 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As such, Applicants have amended Independent Claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable Claim 10, including intervening Claim 9. Applicants respectfully submit that Independent Claim 1 is in condition for allowance and Applicants request allowance of independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-8 and 11-14.

Applicants have also amended Independent Claim 15 with similar limitations to allowable Claim 10. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that Independent Claim 15 is in condition for allowance and Applicants request that Independent Claim 15 and dependent Claims 16-22 be allowed.

Applicants have amended Independent Claim 23 to include the limitations of allowable Claim 29. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that Independent Claim 23 is in condition for allowance and Applicants request that Independent Claim 23 and dependent Claims 24-28 and 30 be allowed.

In summary, Applicants submit that Claims 1-8, 11-28 and 30 are in condition for allowance and Applicants request Claims 1-8, 11-28 and 30 be allowed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claim 15 to correct the deficiency. As such, Applicants request the rejection be removed.

35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-9, 11-28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Breitbart (6,697,338) in view of Gupta (2003/0009699). The rejection is moot in light of the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner and the resulting Claim amendments made to Independent Claims 1, 15 and 23.

Applicants submit that Claims 1-8, 11-28 and 30 are in condition for allowance and Applicants request Claims 1-8, 11-28 and 30 be allowed.


CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested. Based on the arguments and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-8, 11-28 and 30 overcome the rejections of record. For reasons discussed herein, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1-8, 11-28 and 30 be considered by the Examiner. Therefore, allowance of Claims 1-8, 11-28 and 30 is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant amendment and response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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